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Subject: FW: circuit ride update

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FYI... here we go ☺

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Dear RAD staff – I know that many of you have seen draft copies of an Executive Order related to the USRAP that is expected to be finalized and signed tomorrow. In light of this anticipated announcement, we've determined that it would be prudent to suspend circuit rides that are scheduled to depart between now and February 15.

We are also suspending the remaining PDBs planned for this week.

For our TDYers who are here in DC, we will be sharing information as soon as possible about travel arrangements for returning to home offices.

I hope to share more information tomorrow.

Barbara

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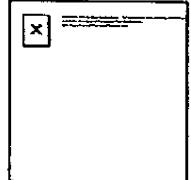
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Press Release

January 29, 2017
Contact: DHS Press Office, 202-282-8010

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WASHINGTON – In applying the provisions of the president's executive order, I hereby deem the entry of lawful permanent residents to be in the national interest.

Accordingly, absent the receipt of significant derogatory information indicating a serious threat to public safety and welfare, lawful permanent resident status will be a dispositive factor in our case-by-case determinations.

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Attachments: 2017protectingtheNationfromTerroristEntryintotheUnitedStates.eo.rel.docx; FW: STATEMENT BY SECRETARY JOHN KELLY ON THE ENTRY OF LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS INTO THE UNITED STATES
Importance: High

DDs/DDDs,

I realize that you have many questions about the Executive Order and appreciate that you have been sending them forward. Please continue to do so. Unfortunately, things remain in flux and we do not have cleared guidance we can provide other than the following for the next few days or less (if we get additional guidance sooner):

- Do not issue any final approvals for any I-730 refugee following to join cases. Further guidance will be coming about how to update CAMINO, etc.
- Do not issue any final approvals for any other application, including I-730 asylee following to join adjudication and travel eligibility cases for nationals or dual nationals of the 7 countries referenced in the Executive Order (Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen), with the exception of I-131As (see attached email). You can approve I-131As for all applicants following existing guidance, which requires that you flag for HQ any with serious derogatory information for possible discretionary denials. Further guidance will be coming.
- If you have refugee cases scheduled for Monday or Tuesday of this week, please cancel them if there is sufficient time to do so. If there is not sufficient time to cancel, then please collect the applicant's biometrics, review his or her bio-data for accuracy and completeness, and inform the applicant that he/she will be notified when the case is able to proceed in the future.

Right now, we are staying the course on the refugee CR in Indonesia; the team on the ground can continue interviewing and processing the cases there until further notice.

The above guidance is only a stop-gap to assist in addressing the most urgent needs for the next couple of days when more detailed cleared guidance can be issued. Also, for awareness, OCOMM is working on talking points and FAQs related to the Executive Order, which should be issued via USCIS Broadcast soon.

I appreciate the difficulty of being on the front line and getting inquiries from the public and others for which we don't yet have complete answers. Many people throughout the Agency and Department are working hard to sort out the impact of the E.O. on the Agency, and I will continue to keep you posted.

Thank you for your continued patience as we navigate the current policy changes.

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captured our immediate needs, understanding that we'll have fuller guidance once DHS implementing guidance is issued and USCIS is able to issue its own, as well. If you are able to provide a quick review and get me any comments or questions tomorrow, I'll incorporate your feedback into the 'final' interim guidance to the field tomorrow. Continue to send questions my way – they've been very helpful in flagging issues we need to address.

Still no decision on our 2 CRs. At this point, I don't expect I'll have a further update until after their processed ends on Monday, so the teams should plan to proceed business as usual. Hopefully with this knowledge they can fully enjoy their Sunday. I appreciate their patience very much; limbo is not a desirable place to be.

Thank you!

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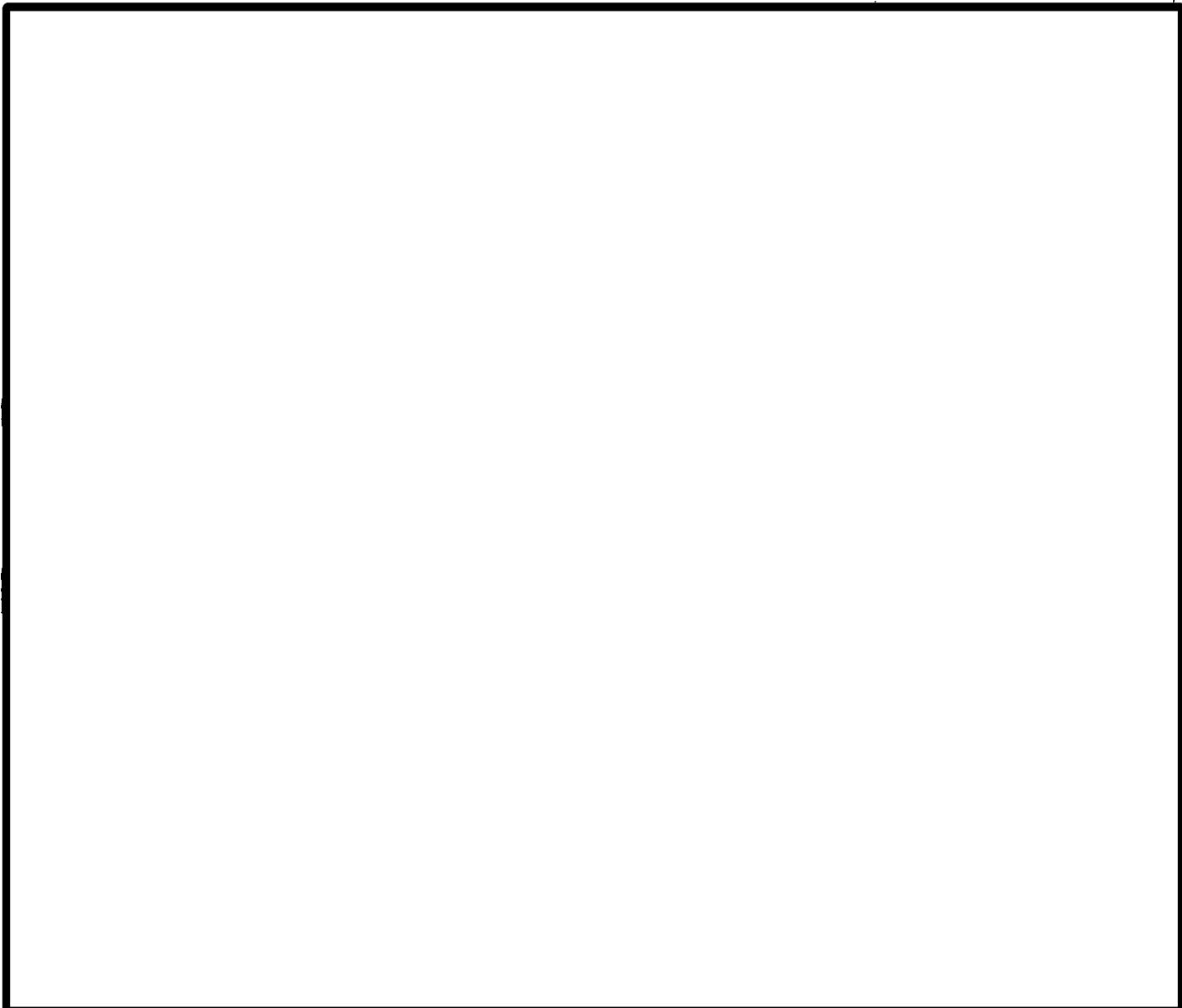
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Memorandum

TO: All USCIS Employees

FROM: Lori L. Scialabba *Lori Scialabba*
Acting Director

SUBJECT: Guidance Concerning Executive Order on Immigration

On January 27, President Trump signed an Executive Order entitled "Protecting The Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into The United States." This memorandum provides guidance from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regarding the impact of this Executive Order on various immigration benefit requests.

All USCIS employees should be aware of current guidance from DHS, specifically:

1. Section 3(c) of the Executive Order does not affect USCIS adjudication of applications and petitions filed for or on behalf of individuals in the United States regardless of their country of nationality. Section 3(c) also does not affect applications and petitions by lawful permanent residents outside the United States, or applications and petitions for individuals outside the United States whose approval does not directly confer travel authorization (including any immigrant or nonimmigrant visa petition). This includes, but is not limited to, the matters discussed more specifically in paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 below.
2. Applications to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Form I-485) may continue to be adjudicated, according to existing policies and procedures, for applicants who are nationals of countries designated in the Executive Order.
3. USCIS will adjudicate Refugee/Asylee Relative Petitions (Form I-730) for all beneficiaries, from any country of nationality, currently in the United States according to

existing policies and procedures. Further guidance will be issued with respect to beneficiaries currently outside of the United States.

4. USCIS will continue refugee interviews when the person is a religious minority in his or her country of nationality facing religious persecution. Additionally, USCIS will continue refugee interviews in jurisdictions where there is a preexisting international agreement related to refugee processing. USCIS will not approve a refugee application for an individual who we determine would pose a risk to the security or welfare of the United States.
5. USCIS will continue adjudicating all affirmative asylum cases according to existing policies and procedures.

Questions concerning the information contained in this memorandum may be addressed via your directorate or program office through appropriate supervisory channels.

QUESTION 1

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RESPONSE: We have to request this information from PRM to extract from WRAPS. Additionally, RAD has been told to work with the RSCs to provide the most detailed information about cases as not everything is reflected in WRAPS.

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South Africa - Sudanese/Somalis, team of 4

Malaysia (sp) - Rohingya team of 4?

Make corrections where I have things wrong

RESPONSE: Here is a table with all planned Q2 circuit rides and their current status. Please see attached for further information on nationalities.

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IO	Pretoria, South Africa (CANCELLED)	02/07 – 02/23	5
IO	Colombo, Sri Lanka (CANCELLED)	02/13 – 02/17	3
IO	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (PENDING)	02/22 – 02/22 (1)	1

QUESTION 3

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IO	Ban Don Yang, Thailand (PENDING DECISION)	02/22 – 02/23	2
IO	Islamabad, Pakistan (PENDING DECISION)	02/22 – 03/03	3
IO	Malta (PENDING DECISION)	02/27 – 03/10	3
IO	Tham Hin, Thailand (PENDING DECISION)	02/28 – 03/02	2
IO	Malaysia (PENDING DECISION)	03/13 – 03/17	3
RAD	Burundi (CANCELLED)	1/27 – 2/26	5
RAD	Burundi (PENDING DECISION)	2/25/ - 3/25	5
RAD	Chad (CANCELLED)	2/3-3/17	5
RAD	Chad (CANCELLED)	2/10-3/22	6
RAD	Ethiopia (CANCELLED)	2/5-3/23	9
RAD	Kenya (CANCELLED)	1/30-3/17	13
RAD	Kenya/Ethiopia (PENDING DECISION)	2/27 – 4/14	11
RAD	Tanzania (CANCELLED)	2/12-3/21	12
RAD	Uganda (CANCELLED)	1/28-3/8	13
RAD	Malaysia/Nepal (CANCELLED)	2/10-3/8	13
RAD	Malaysia/Nepal (PENDING DECISION)	3/9 – 3/26	9
RAD	Nauru (CANCELLED)	1/29-2/25	5
RAD	Nauru (PENDING DECISION)	3/24-4-28	8
RAD	Thailand (CANCELLED)	1/27-3/11	4
RAD	El Salvador (CANCELLED)	2/1-3/17	15
RAD	El Salvador (PENDING DECISION)	3/20-5/5	16
RAD	Guatemala (PENDING DECISION)	2/25-3/4	4
RAD	Honduras (CANCELLED)	2/1-2/25	6
RAD	Vienna, Austria (ONGOING)	1/23-2/24	1
RAD	Vienna, Austria (ONGOING)	3/18-4/20	3
RAD	Trinidad (PENDING DECISION)	3/6-3/15	1
RAD	Ecuador (CANCELLED)	1/30-2/24	4
RAD	Cairo, Egypt (CANCELLED)	2/4-3/21	18
RAD	Baghdad, Iraq (CANCELLED)	2/4-3/23	14
RAD	Baghdad, Iraq (PENDING DECISION)	3/20-5/4	15
RAD	Erbil, Iraq (PENDING DECISION)	3/1-3/17	4
RAD	Tel Aviv, Israel (CANCELLED)	02/04 – 02/24	3
RAD	Amman, Jordan (CANCELLED)	1/29-3/15	26
RAD	Amman, Jordan (PENDING DECISION)	3/12-4/27	25
RAD	Lebanon (CANCELLED)	2/3-3/18	5
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USCIS Refugee Processing: Q2 Breakdown of Nationalities and Religions

Jordan Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (January 29-March 15)/Team Size 26: CANCELLED					
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (March 12-April 27)/Team Size 25: PENDING DECISION					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iraq	200	23%	Christian	54	6%
Somalia	9	1%	Druze	1	0%
Sudan	25	3%	Muslim	792	93%
Syria	620	73%	Sabeans-Mandean	7	1%

Egypt FY17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (February 4-March 21)/Team Size 18: CANCELLED					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iraq	54	9%	Christian	132	22%
Eritria	8	1%	Muslim	454	77%
Ethiopia	11	2%	Sabeans-Mandean	1	0%
Somalia	14	2%	Agnostic	1	0%
South Sudan	23	4%			
Sudan	173	29%			
Syria	305	52%			

Lebanon FY17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (February 3-March 18)/Team Size 5: CANCELLED					
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (March 10-April 8)/Team Size 5: PENDING DECISION					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iraq	8	5%	Christian	77	48%
South Sudan	1	1%	Druze	1	1%
Sudan	5	3%	Muslim	84	52%
Syria	148	91%			

IRAQ FY17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 Baghdad (February 4-March 23)/Team Size 14: CANCELLED					
RAD Circuit Ride 2 Erbil (March 1-March 17)/Team Size 4: PENDING DECISION					
RAD Circuit Ride 3 Baghdad (March 20-May 4)/Team Size 15: PENDING DECISION					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iraq	334	96%	Muslim	293	84%
Palestinian	11	3%	Yazidi	42	12%
			Christian	10	2.8%

Austria FY17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (January 23-February 24)/Team Size 1: ONGOING (RAD could send a second team member next weekend –original team was supposed to be 2)					
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (March 18-April 20)/Team Size 3: ONGOING (in light of this weekend's decisions)					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iran	~350	100%	Christian	221	88.4%
			Jewish	4	1.6%
			Bahai	unknown	
			Zoroastrian	25	10%

Israel FY17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (February 2-February 24)/Team Size 3: CANCELLED					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Eritrea	76	76%	Christian	86	86%
Sudan	21	21%	Muslim	14	14%
Ethiopia	2	2%			
Iraq	1	1%			

Turkey Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (February 6-March 22)/Team Size 28: CANCELLED					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Afghanistan	36	3.8%	Christians	222	23.5%
Eritrea	1	0.1%	Muslims	592	62.8%
Iran	290	30.8%	No religion	77	8.2%
Iraq	500	53%	Atheist	6	0.63%
Palestine	1	0.1%	Bahai	35	3.7%
Somalia	6	0.63%	Jehovah Witness	1	0.1%
Sudan	1	0.1%	Kakai	4	0.4%
Syria	107	11.4%	Zoroastrians	1	0.1%
Total	942		Yazidi	1	0.1%
			Other	3	0.3%

Note: the last two weeks of the CR has not yet been scheduled. Historically, ICMC does not schedule the last two weeks until the middle of the CR, to allow for expedites, unexpected issues, etc.

Trinidad Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (March 6-March 15)/Team Size 1: PENDING DECISION					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Syria	5	45%	Christian	5	45%

Nauru Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (January 29-February 25)/Team Size 5: CURRENTLY CANCELLED BUT PENDING DECISION					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Afghan	17	11%	Muslim	93	63%
Bangladesh	3	2%	Muslim-Christian Converts (Iranians)	55	37%
Burma	21	14%			
Iran	55	37%			
Somali	18	12%			
Pakistani	6	4%			
Sri Lankan	14	9%			
Iraq	8	5%			
Lebanon	5	3%			
Palestine	1	1%			

Tanzania Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride February 12-March 21/Team Size 12: CANCELLED					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Congolese	584	~100%	Christian:	~175	~30%
			Catholic:	~128	~22%
			Methodist:	~105	~18%
			Other Christian denom:	~146	~25%
			Other		~< 5%

Country Malaysia Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (March 9-March 26)/Team Size 9: PENDING DECISION					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Iraq	12	35%	Muslim	33	97%
Somalia	3	1%			
Sudan	1	1%			
Iran	4	1%			
Syria	2	1%			

Burundi Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (January 27-February 26)/Team Size 5: CANCELLED					
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (February 25-March 25)/Team Size 5: PENDING DECISION					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Congolese	258	100%	Protestant	126	49%
			Pentecostal	44	17%
			Catholic	41	16%
			Muslim	24	9%
			Methodist	17	7%
			Jehovah's Witness	2	< 1%
			Christian	2	< 1%
			7 th Day Adventist	1	< 1%
			Other	1	< 1%

Chad Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (February 3-March 17)/Team Size 5: CANCELLED					
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (February 10-March 22)/Team Size 6: CANCELLED					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage	Religion	# of Cases	Percentage
Sudanese	419	67%	Muslim:	533	85%
CAR	204	33%	Catholic:	36	6%
Total	623		Protestant:	26	4%
			Baptist:	20	3%
			Christian:	10	2%
			Evangelical:	1	<1%
			Pentecostal:	1	<1%

Ethiopia Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (February 5-March 23)/Team Size 9: CANCELLED					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage		Religion	# of Cases
Somali	752	99%		Muslim:	752
South Sudanese	1	<1%		Christian	1
Total	753				

Kenya Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride 1 (January 30-March 17)/Team Size 13: CANCELLED					
RAD Circuit Ride 2 (February 27-April 14)/Team Size 11: PENDING DECISION					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage		Religion	# of Cases
Somali	626	76%		Muslim:	673
Congolese	82	10%		Christian:	83
Ethiopian	65	0.08		Protestant:	23
Ugandan	20	0.02		Pentacostal:	14
South Sudanese	15	0.02		Catholic:	12
Eritrean	5	<1%		Orthodox:	10
Kenyan (V93)	4	<1%		Baptist:	2
Burundian	3	<1%		Methodist:	2
Rwandan	3	<1%		Lutheran:	1
Total	823			Evangelican:	1
				7th Day Adventist:	1
					<1%

Uganda Fy17 Q2					
RAD Circuit Ride (January 28-March 8)/Team Size 13: CANCELLED					
Nationality	# of Cases	Percentage		Religion	# of Cases
Congolese	577	86%		Protestant:	185
Somali	79	12%		Catholic:	127
South Sudanese	5	<1%		Muslim:	110
Burundian	3	<1%		7th Day Adventist	90
Ethiopian	2	<1%		Baptist	90
Eritrean	2	<1%		Jehovah's Witness	34
					0.05

Sudanese	1	<1%	Christian	25	0.04
Egyptian	1	<1%	Methodist:	3	<1%
Total	670		Orthodox:	2	<1%
			Coptic:	1	<1%

	DECISION)	day)	
IO	Ban Don Yang, Thailand (PENDING DECISION)	02/22 – 02/23	2
IO	Islamabad, Pakistan (PENDING DECISION)	02/22 – 03/03	3
IO	Malta (PENDING DECISION)	02/27 – 03/10	3
IO	Tham Hin, Thailand (PENDING DECISION)	02/28 – 03/02	2
IO	Malaysia (PENDING DECISION)	03/13 – 03/17	3
RAD	Burundi (CANCELLED)	1/27 – 2/26	5
RAD	Burundi (PENDING DECISION)	2/25/ - 3/25	5
RAD	Chad (CANCELLED)	2/3-3/17	5
RAD	Chad (CANCELLED)	2/10-3/22	6
RAD	Ethiopia (CANCELLED)	2/5-3/23	9
RAD	Kenya (CANCELLED)	1/30-3/17	13
RAD	Kenya/Ethiopia (PENDING DECISION)	2/27 – 4/14	11
RAD	Tanzania (CANCELLED)	2/12-3/21	12
RAD	Uganda (CANCELLED)	1/28-3/8	13
RAD	Malaysia/Nepal (CANCELLED)	2/10-3/8	13
RAD	Malaysia/Nepal (PENDING DECISION)	3/9 – 3/26	9
RAD	Nauru (CANCELLED)	1/29-2/25	5
RAD	Nauru (PENDING DECISION)	3/24-4-28	8
RAD	Thailand (CANCELLED)	1/27-3/11	4
RAD	El Salvador (CANCELLED)	2/1-3/17	15
RAD	El Salvador (PENDING DECISION)	3/20-5/5	16
RAD	Guatemala (PENDING DECISION)	2/25-3/4	4
RAD	Honduras (CANCELLED)	2/1-2/25	6
RAD	Vienna, Austria (ONGOING)	1/23-2/24	1
RAD	Vienna, Austria (ONGOING)	3/18-4/20	3
RAD	Trinidad (PENDING DECISION)	3/6-3/15	1
RAD	Ecuador (CANCELLED)	1/30-2/24	4
RAD	Cairo, Egypt (CANCELLED)	2/4-3/21	18
RAD	Baghdad, Iraq (CANCELLED)	2/4-3/23	14
RAD	Baghdad, Iraq (PENDING DECISION)	3/20-5/4	15
RAD	Erbil, Iraq (PENDING DECISION)	3/1-3/17	4
RAD	Tel Aviv, Israel (CANCELLED)	02/04 – 02/24	3
RAD	Amman, Jordan (CANCELLED)	1/29-3/15	26
RAD	Amman, Jordan (PENDING DECISION)	3/12-4/27	25
RAD	Lebanon (CANCELLED)	2/3-3/18	5
RAD	Istanbul, Turkey (CANCELLED)	2/6 – 3/22	28
RAD	Dubai, UAE (PENDING DECISION)	2/19-3/24	4

Worley, Jordan P

From: Kim, Ted H
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 12:26 PM
To: Ruppel, Joanna
Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

Yes, each asylum office has a public affairs contact at the local district and/or region. But I will forward this to Angie at OLA for now. Thanks, Ted

From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 12:24 PM
To: Kim, Ted H
Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

Yes. That is correct, for now. Does asylum have public affairs officers? I can't recall.

Joanna

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From: Kim, Ted H
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 11:49 AM
To: Ruppel, Joanna
Subject: FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

Joanna: Like yesterday's inquiry from AILA, I assume we should be directing these inquiries to OLA? Thanks, Ted

From: Radel, David M
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 11:45 AM
To: Kim, Ted H
Cc: Hong, Marianne X
Subject: FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

Ted: We are starting to get a number of questions from our stakeholders about what we are going to do with cases from these 7 nationalities (I was just stopped in the hallway by our local AILA liaison and asked about this). Are there any talking points that we can use for communications with external stakeholders on this issue, or is there any part of the info below that we can share? I think that the word is getting out that it is not business as usual at our offices, and I think it would be good for all of us to be going out with the same message. Thanks, David

From: Lafferty, John L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 2:02 PM

To: RAIO - Asylum Field Office Managers
Cc: Kim, Ted H; Mura, Elizabeth E; Caudill-Mirillo, Ashley B; Kirkland, Brooke A; Roberts, Rhonda J; Pilotti, David A; Potts-Hansen, Stephanie N; Tanner, Rebecca S
Subject: FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

Field leadership,

Just wanted to give you a heads-up on instructions you may need to begin implementing on Monday. In light of the language in Friday's Executive Order, we may need to put a hold on decision-making for asylum cases from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya. We may also be asked to postpone any scheduled interviews.

On Monday morning, you should plan on preventing any decision document from being issued in person or by mail to a national of any of the above countries unless or until you are instructed otherwise.

You should also review your list of upcoming interviews and be preparing to cancel any scheduled interviews for persons from one of the listed countries. DO NOT cancel any interviews, however, until you receive instructions from HQ on how to proceed. Hopefully, we will have more guidance on the interviews by Monday morning.

Please let Ted and I know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

John

From: Lafferty, John L
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 1:06:38 PM
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Nicholson, Maura J; Strack, Barbara L; Kim, Ted H; Stone, Mary M
Subject: RE: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

A literal reading of the EO and cited INA sections would not indicate that this processing suspension applies to the processing of asylum applications, but I understand why it might be wise to cancel interviews and place on hold cases from the relevant countries while we await additional guidance. Unless you want us to hold off, I will issue such guidance by e-mail today.

From: Ruppel, Joanna
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:46:47 AM
To: Nicholson, Maura J; Strack, Barbara L; Lafferty, John L; Kim, Ted H; Stone, Mary M
Subject: FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

FYI.

I think we also need guidance on how this applies to asylum. May want to cancel interviews and place in hold asylum applicants from these countries.

I am hoping we can work with the front office to get a memo to all USCIS staff to be issued Monday.

Joanna

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 8:37:07 AM
To: Scialabba, Lori L; Renaud, Tracy L; Renaud, Daniel M; Davidson, Andrew J; Meckley, Tammy M; Ruppel, Joanna
Cc: McCament, James W
Subject: FW: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

I just sent this to the centers.

From: Neufeld, Donald W
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2017 11:35 AM
To: Baran, Kathy A; Campagnolo, Donna P; Crandall, Kristine R; Hazuda, Mark J; McCament, James W; Nolan, Connie L; Richardson, Gregory A; Selby, Cara M (Carrie); Thompson, Kirt; Velarde, Barbara Q; Zuchowski, Laura B; Tamanaha, Emisa T
Cc: Arroyo, Susan K; Bacote, Robert R (Bob); Byrne, Marie L (Louise); Cox, Sophia; Dougherty, Linda M; Douglas, Richard C; Doumani, Stephanie M; Fortes, Michael J; Hartmann, Rosemary M; Hope, Leslie K; Hutchings, Pamela G; Kane, Daniel J; King, Alexander R; La Bella, Magteld H; McCament, James W; McConnell, James E; Moran, Karla; Neufeld, Donald W; Padilla, April Y; Peck, Denis R; Sabga, George M; Thomas, Ronnie D; Watson, Dorcas B (Benita)
Subject: Executive Order: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - Service Center Instructions

Center Directors and Deputies,

On January 27, 2017, the President signed an Executive Order that, in part, relates to the suspension of processing of certain immigration benefits. Section 3(c) of the Executive Order invokes sections 212(f) and 217(a)(12) of the INA to temporarily suspend the entry immigrants and nonimmigrants who are from Syria, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, and Libya for 90 days from the date of the Executive Order.

While we await further guidance, we must temporarily suspend adjudication of all applications, petitions or requests involving citizens or nationals of the listed countries. At this point there are no exceptions for any form types, to include I-90s or I-765s. Please physically segregate any files that are impacted by this temporary hold pending further guidance. As you would expect, we will be developing a weekly report format for you to identify the number and types of cases on hold.

We expect to issue more detailed guidance and procedures in the coming days.

Please ensure this guidance is conveyed as soon as possible to all appropriate employees and get back to us with any questions. Also, please reply to let me know each center has received this message.

Thanks,

Don